

Attorney's Docket No. 003300-689

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Please amend the Application as indicated.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At Page 1 before the first line kindly inset the following paragraph:

-- This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to United States

Provisional Application No. 60/239,896 filed on October 13, 2000.--